

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF PEARL RIVER**  
(A Component Unit of Housing Authority of the City of Slidell)

**FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT  
TOGETHER WITH  
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Commissioners  
**Housing Authority of the Town of Pearl River**  
Pearl River, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets-enterprise fund of **Housing Authority of the Town of Pearl River (HATPR)**, a component unit of the Housing Authority of the City of Slidell, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets and cash flows-enterprise fund as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of **HATPR's** management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as further discussed in the next paragraphs, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of **HATPR's** internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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The December 31, 2009 general ledger reflects cumulative revenues and expense amounts covering more than one year. Also, the general ledger reflects incomplete amounts for cash and interfund activities. Because of the limitation resulting from the status of the general ledger amounts recorded for cash, interfund activities, revenues and expenses, management was unable to provide us with the necessary information to support the accompanying financial statements and related disclosures.

As such, we are unable to apply auditing procedures necessary to satisfy ourselves about the classification and completeness of expenses, cash and interprogram activities comprising the statements of net assets as of December 31, 2009 and results of operations and cashflows for the year ended December 31, 2009.

In our opinion, except for our inability to satisfy ourselves as to the classification and completeness of interprogram activities, cash and expenses comprising the statements of net assets, revenues and expenses, and cash flows, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **HATPR** as of December 31, 2009, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 30, 2010, on our consideration of **HATPR's** internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grants and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of the testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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The management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 9 is not a required part of the accompanying financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

*Bruno & Tervalon LLP*

**BRUNO & TERVALON LLP**  
**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

June 30, 2010

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
PEARL RIVER, LOUISIANA  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

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**Introduction to Financial Statements**

**HATPR** complied with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments (GASB 34)*, effective with the year ended December 31, 2004. The following represents a discussion and analysis of **HATPR's** financial activities for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008.

Management believes that GASB 34 financial statements provide useful information because these statements show not only the short-term results of operations but also the long-term financial picture.

In GASB 34 terms, **HATPR** has only one fund, the Enterprise Fund, and engages in only one type of activity. A Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets shown on pages 10 and 11, show the results of operations and financial position using the *total economic resources* measurement focus and the *accrual basis* of accounting, which emphasize the long-term financial picture and are very similar to the financial statements of private sector for profit enterprises.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- **HATPR's** net assets exceeded its liabilities by \$8,244 and \$177,000 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008.
  - Of this amount \$0 and \$138,141, respectively for 2009 and 2008 represented unrestricted assets for each period.
  - Restricted net assets of \$8,244 for 2009 and \$38,859 for 2008 represented funds on reserve for future housing assistance payments.
- **HATPR's** only source of revenue is a grant from the federal government which constitutes 100% of 2009 and 2008 revenues respectively.
- **HATPR's** significant operating expenses for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, were salaries and related benefits, consulting services, and housing assistance payments to landlords participating in its Housing Choice Voucher Program.

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**Using this Annual Report**

HATPR's annual report consists of financial statements that show information about HATPR's only fund; Housing Choice Voucher Program. HATPR's auditors provided assurance in their independent auditors' report, located immediately preceding the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). The auditors provide varying degrees of assurance regarding the other information included in this report. A user of this report should read the independent auditors' report carefully to determine the level of assurance provided for each of the other parts of this report.

**Overview and Highlights of Financial Statements**

The financial statements of HATPR comprise of the Statement of Net Assets, (shows assets and liabilities separated into current and noncurrent and net assets) and Statement of Revenues and Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets which uses the full accrual basis of accounting with revenues recognized when earned and expenses when incurred, regardless of the timing in the receipt or the disbursement. The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the financial data provided in the financial statements. The measurement focus is the total economic resources of HATPR.

**Reporting on HATPR as a Whole**

One of the most important questions asked about HATPR's finances, "Is HATPR as a whole better off, or worse off, as a result of the achievements of fiscal years 2009 and 2008?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets report information about HATPR as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the *accrual basis* of accounting, which is similar to the accounting method used by most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received.

**Fund Financial Statements**

HATPR's only fund is reported as a proprietary fund. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives.



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**Fund Financial Statements, Continued**

HATPR, like other enterprises operated by state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements.

Section 8 Housing Assistance - Housing Choice Voucher Program - The Housing Choice Voucher Program assists low income families with their rental payments in the private market. A housing assistance payment is paid directly to landlords on behalf of the families in the program. The families pay the difference between the rent charged by the landlord and the housing assistance payment provided by the program. HATPR is paid by HUD to administer the program.

**Financial Analysis**

Net assets at December 31, 2009 and 2008 consisted of \$-0- and \$138,141 in unrestricted and \$8,244 for 2009 and \$38,859 for 2008 in restricted net assets (to be used for future housing assistance payments).

The following provides condensed information from the Statement of Net Assets as of December 31, 2009 and 2008:

<b>Condensed Statement of Net Assets</b>		
	<b>December 31</b>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Other assets	\$ <u>9,844</u>	\$ <u>178,100</u>
Total assets	<u>9,844</u>	<u>178,100</u>
Liabilities	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,100</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,100</u>
Net assets	\$ <u>8,244</u>	\$ <u>177,000</u>

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**Financial Analysis, Continued**

HATPR's assets exceed its liabilities by \$8,244 and \$177,000 at December 31, 2009 and 2008. The unrestricted net assets of \$-0- for 2009 and \$38,859 for 2008 respectively.

The following provides condensed information from the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008.

**Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets**  
**For the Years Ended December 31**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Operating revenues	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>
Operating expenses	<u>(531,446)</u>	<u>(426,582)</u>
Operating loss	(531,446)	(426,582)
Non-operating revenues	<u>362,690</u>	<u>236,030</u>
Change in net assets	(168,756)	(190,552)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>177,000</u>	<u>367,552</u>
Net assets, end of year	\$ <u>8,244</u>	\$ <u>177,000</u>

HATPR receives one hundred (100) percent of its revenues in the form of grants from Federal grants.

Its major expenses included housing assistance payments to landlords participating in its housing program, salaries, and related benefits and consulting services.

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**Explanations of Financial Analysis**

Compared with 2008 fiscal year, total assets in 2009 decreased by 94% as a result of a decrease in the change of net assets by a negative \$168,756. The change resulted from the level of housing payments dictated by market conditions post Hurricane Katrina compared to the level of HUD subsidy received. Liabilities increased by 45% from 2008 as a result of net changes in compensated absences activities.

Compared to 2007, total asset decreased in 2008 from 2007 as a result of a negative change in net assets of \$190,552 in 2008. The change resulted from the level of housing assistance payments made due primarily to rental market conditions.

Total revenues (operating and non-operating) was \$362,690 in 2009 compared to \$236,030 in 2008. The change in 2009 results from the change in the per-unit Housing Assistance Payment amount funded by HUD during 2009.

Total revenues was \$236,030 in 2008 compared to \$340,695 in 2007 representing a 31% change from the year ended December 31, 2007. The change resulted from a decrease in the per-unit Housing Assistance Payment amount funded by HUD during 2008.

Total operating expenses were \$531,446 in 2009 and \$426,582 with the increase primarily attributable to changes in the rental market conditions for its Voucher Program.

The most significant change in operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 in comparison to 2007, was in housing assistance payments to landlords which increased from \$255,871 in 2007 to \$375,934 in 2008. The increase in payments resulted from post Hurricane Katrina rental market conditions.

**Capital Assets**

HATPR had no capital assets at December 31, 2009 and 2008.

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**Debt**

**HATPR** has not incurred any mortgages or bond indentures for financial capital assets or operations.

**Economic Factors an Next Year's Budget Rates**

**HATPR** is primarily dependent upon HUD for the funding of operations; therefore **HATPR** is affected more by Federal Budget than by local income conditions. The operating budget for the 2010 fiscal year has already been submitted to and approved by HUD.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of **HATPR's** finances for all those with an interest in **HATPR's** finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Executive Director, Housing Authority of the City of Slidell, P.O. Box 1392, Slidell, LA 70459-1392.

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**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS--ENTERPRISE FUND**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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**ASSETS**

Interprogram due from, net (NOTE 2)	\$ <u>9,844</u>
Total assets, net	<u>9,844</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Liabilities:

Compensated absences payable (NOTE 7)	<u>1,600</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,600</u>

**NET ASSETS**

Restricted net assets (NOTE 3)	<u>8,244</u>
Total net assets	\$ <u>8,244</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND NET ASSETS--ENTERPRISE FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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Operating Revenues:	
Operating revenues	\$ <u>-0-</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>-0-</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries and employee benefits	28,795
Contractual services	13,116
Housing assistance payments	480,920
Convention and travel	1,662
Telephone	1,299
Supplies	3,077
Utilities	1,233
Postage	444
Dues and subscriptions	438
General	<u>462</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>531,446</u>
Operating loss	(531,446)
Non-operating Revenues:	
Grants and subsidies	<u>362,690</u>
Total non-operating revenues	<u>362,690</u>
Change in net assets	(168,756)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>177,000</u>
Net assets, end of year	\$ <u><u>8,244</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS--ENTERPRISE FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Receipt of advances	\$ 168,256
Payments to suppliers	(21,231)
Payments to employees	(28,795)
Payments to landlords	<u>(480,920)</u>

Net cash used by operating activities (362,690)

Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:

Subsidy from federal grants	<u>362,690</u>
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Cash provided by noncapital financing activities 362,690

Net increase (decrease) in cash -0-

Cash, beginning of year -0-

Cash, end of year \$ -0-

Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used  
by Operating Activities:

Operating loss	(531,446)
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Changes in assets and liabilities:

Decrease in interprogram due from, net	168,256
Increase in compensated absence payable	<u>500</u>

Net cash used by operating activities \$ (362,690)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

General:

The **Housing Authority of the Town of Pearl River (HATPR)** in an agreement dated April 14, 1999, engaged Housing Authority of the City of Slidell (the Authority) to provide administrative services related to the Housing Choice Voucher Program in the unincorporated areas within any municipality for the benefit of the Town of Pearl River. The Board and Executive Director of the Authority are responsible for all activities of **HATPR**. **HATPR** has the power to sue and be sued, and make rules and regulations for its own government consistent with the laws of the State of Louisiana and the Town of Pearl River.

Those administrative services include any and all administrative services necessary to operate the Housing Choice Voucher Program, including but not limited to, the administration of all vouchers associated with its housing program, all budgetary matters, and the preparation of all reports. The agreement between the Authority and the Town of Pearl River terminated on March 31, 2000. The Authority and the Town of Pearl River have agreed and submitted to HUD a resolution to facilitate the absorption of the program into the Authority's program. Approval from HUD is currently pending.

As of December 31, 2009, **HATPR** was primarily engaged in the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher Program to low-income residents in the Town of Pearl River, Louisiana.

Under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, **HATPR** provides funds in the form of rental subsidies to owners on behalf of tenants.



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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED:**

**Financial Reporting Entity:**

Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" established standards for defining and reporting on the financial entity. GASB 14 and as amended by GASB 39 indicates that the focal point for identifying the financial reporting entity is the primary government, which is considered to be any state government or general purpose local government or a special-purpose government that meets all of the following criteria: a) has a separately elected governing body; b) is legally separate; and c) is fiscally independent of other state and local governments.

**HATPR** is managed by the Authority. Accordingly, **HATPR** is a component unit of the Authority's financial reporting entity. Also, **HATPR** has no component units for financial reporting purposes.

**Basis of Presentation**

As required by Louisiana State Reporting Law (LRS-R.S. 24:514) and HUD regulations, **HATPR's** financial statements are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accounts of **HATPR** are accounted for under the proprietary fund. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applied to governmental units.

**Proprietary Fund Type** - Proprietary fund is accounted for on the flow of economic resources measurement focus and uses the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses at the time liabilities are incurred. **HATPR** applies all applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued before November 30, 1989 in accounting and reporting for its proprietary operations.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED:**

**Basis of Presentation, Continued**

**HATPR's fund includes the following type:**

**Enterprise Fund** - Enterprise fund is used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business or where the board has decided that the determination of revenues earned, costs incurred and/or net income is necessary for management accountability.

Pursuant to GASB 33 (Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-Exchange Transactions), **HATPR** recognizes assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses under its government mandated and voluntary non-exchange transactions as follows:

- **HATPR** recognizes assets and liabilities when all applicable eligibility requirements are met or resources received, whichever is first;
- Revenues and expenses are recognized when all applicable eligibility requirements are met;
- Transactions with no time requirement(s) are recorded by **HATPR** as revenues upon award; and
- Transactions with time requirements received prior to the satisfaction of the time requirement(s) are recorded by **HATPR** as deferred revenues upon award.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED:**

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting  
and Financial Statement Presentation**

HATPR adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, "*Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*" effective January 1, 2004. Statement No. 34 established standards for external financial reporting for all state and local governmental entities, which includes a statement of net assets, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets, and a statement of cash flows. It requires the classification of net assets into three components-invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted; and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

- *Invested in capital assets, net of related debt* - This component of net assets consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds are not included in the calculation of invested in capital assets, net of related debt. Rather, that portion of the debt is included in the same net assets component as the unspent proceeds.
- *Restricted* - This component of net assets consists of constraints placed on net asset use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Unrestricted net assets* - This component of net assets consists of net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt".

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED:**

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting  
and Financial Statement Presentation, Continued**

The term measurement focus is used to denote what is being measured and reported in HATPR's operating statement. HATPR's financial activities are accounted for on the flow of economic resources measurement focus. The fundamental objective of this focus is to measure whether HATPR is better or worse off economically as a result of events and transactions of the period.

The term basis of accounting is used to determine when a transaction or event is recognized on HATPR's operating statement. HATPR used the full accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred, even though actual payment or receipt may not occur until after the period ends.

**Interprogram Activities:**

All interprogram transactions, except quasi external transactions, advances and reimbursements are reported as transfers. Nonrecurring and permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfer. All other interprogram transfers are reported as operating transfers and recognized at the time the underlying event occurs. Interprogram due from and to are netted at the financial statement level.

**Compensated Absences:**

HATPR follows Louisiana Civil Service regulations for accumulated annual sick leave. Under those regulations, employees may accumulate up to three hundred (300) hours of annual leave which may be received upon separation or retirement. Sick leave hours accumulate, but the employee is not paid for sick leave hours if not used by his/her retirement or separation date.

The cost of current leave privileges computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60, is recognized as a current year expense in the enterprise fund when leave is earned.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED:**

**Budgets:**

**HATPR** prepares an annual budget for its proprietary fund. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the annual budget is approved by the Board of Commissioners. Budgetary amendments require approval by the Board.

**HATPR** does not present its budget to actual comparison for the enterprise fund as part of its financial statements as accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America do not require such, despite adoption of an annual budget by **HATPR's** Board of Commissioners.

**Statement of Cash Flows:**

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, **HATPR** considers all highly liquid investments with original maturity of ninety (90) days or less when purchased to be cash and temporary cash investments. At December 31, 2009, **HATPR** had no temporary cash investments.

**Estimates:**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 2 - INTERPROGRAM DUE TO/FROM:**

At December 31, 2009, \$9,244 represent interprogram activities advances, net to and from other programs managed by the Authority.

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**NOTE 3 - RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:**

Restricted net assets at December 31, 2009, of \$8,244 consisted of reserves for future Housing Assistance Payments.

**NOTE 4 - CASH:**

At December 31, 2009, the carrying amount of **HATPR**'s cash deposits was \$-0- and the cumulative bank balance was \$-0-.

**HATPR**'s available bank balance is covered by federal depository insurance and collateral held by the pledging institutions' agent in **HATPR**'s name. Under state laws, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of such pledged securities of federal deposit insurance must equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held by the fiscal agent bank in the name of **HATPR**.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a failure by the financial institution, **HATPR**'s deposits may not be returned to it. **HATPR** has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk; however, none of **HATPR**'s bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk, since the pledged securities were in the joint name of **HATPR** and the financial institution.

Louisiana state law allows for the investment of excess funds in obligations of the United States, certificates of deposit of state or national banks having their principal office in Louisiana, or any other federally insured investment. State law also requires that all deposits be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and the market value of securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished as security must be held by **HATPR** or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of **HATPR**.

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**NOTE 5 - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK:**

HATPR receives all of its revenues from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). If the amount of revenues received from HUD, falls below contract levels, HATPR'S operating results could be adversely affected.

**NOTE 6 - CONTINGENCIES:**

HATPR is subject to possible examinations by regulatory agencies who determine compliance with laws and regulations governing grants provided to HATPR. These examinations may result in required refunds by HATPR to the agencies and/or program beneficiaries.

**NOTE 7 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES PAYABLE:**

Analysis of compensated absences payable follows:

Balance			Balance
<u>January 1, 2009</u>	<u>Addition</u>	<u>Retirement</u>	<u>December 31, 2009</u>
\$ <u>1,100</u>	\$ <u>500</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>1,600</u>

**NOTE 8 - PER DIEM TO BOARD MEMBERS:**

During the year ended December 31, 2009 no board member received per diem in his or her capacity as commissioner in connection with the management of HATPR.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**





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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
ON  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

To the Board of Commissioners  
**Housing Authority of the Town of Pearl River**  
Pearl River, Louisiana

Our report on our audit of the financial statements of **Housing Authority of the Town of Pearl River (HATPR)**, a component unit of Housing Authority of the City of Slidell, appears on page 1. That audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule I) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The information in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The supplementary information (Schedules II and III), which is required by HUD is prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and is not a required part of the financial statements, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

*Bruno & Tervalon LLP*

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June 30, 2010

**SCHEDULE I**

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
PEARL RIVER, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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<u>Federal Grantor</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
Program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:		
<u>Subject to Annual Contribution Contracts</u> Housing Choice Voucher Program	14.871	\$ <u>362,690</u>
Total expenditures of federal awards		\$ <u>362,690</u>

NOTE: Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes all Federal grant activity of HATPR and is presented on an accrual basis of accounting.

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FINANCIAL DATA SCHEDULE  
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM  
BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

<u>Line Item No.</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Total Program</u>
144	Interprogram due from	<u>\$ 297,620</u>
150	Total current assets	<u>297,620</u>
190	Total assets	<u>\$ 297,620</u>

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HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM  
BALANCE SHEET, CONTINUED  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

<u>Line Item No.</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Total Program</u>
347	Interprogram due to	<u>\$ 287,776</u>
310	Total current liabilities	<u>287,776</u>
354	Accrued compensated absences payable - non-current	<u>1,600</u>
350	Total non-current liabilities	<u>1,600</u>
300	Total liabilities	<u>289,376</u>

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**SCHEDULE II**

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**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
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HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM  
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DECEMBER 31, 2009**

<u>Line Item No.</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Total Program</u>
511.1	Restricted net assets	\$ <u>8,244</u>
513	Total net assets	<u>8,244</u>
600	Total liabilities and equity / net assets	\$ <u>297,620</u>

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

<u>Line Item No.</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Total Program</u>
70600-010	Housing assistance payments	\$ 322,975
70600-020	Ongoing administrative fee earned	38,430
70600-040	Actual independent public accountant audit costs	<u>1,285</u>
70000	Total revenue	<u>362,690</u>

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<u>Line Item No.</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Total Program</u>
91100	Administrative salaries	\$ 20,241
91200	Auditing fees	1,285
91500	Employee benefit contributions-administrative	8,054
91600	Office expense	4,820
91700	Legal expense	505
91800	Travel	1,662
91900	Other	11,266
91000	Total operating - administrative	<u>47,833</u>
93200	Electricity	985
93300	Gas	5
93800	Other utility expense	243
93000	Total utilities	<u>1,233</u>
95300	Protective services - other	<u>60</u>
95000	Total protective services	<u>60</u>
96130	Workmen's compensation	<u>72</u>
96100	Total insurance premium	<u>72</u>
96200	Other general expenses	828
96210	Compensated absences	500
96000	Total other general expenses	<u>1,328</u>
96900	Total operating expenses	<u>50,526</u>
97000	Excess of operating revenues over operating expenses	<u>312,164</u>

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<u>Line Item No.</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Total Program</u>
	Other Expenses:	
97300	Housing Assistance Payments	\$ <u>480,920</u>
90000	Total expenses	<u>531,446</u>
10000	Excess (deficiency) of total revenues over (under) total expenses	<u>\$(168,756)</u>
11030	Beginning Equity	<u>\$ 177,000</u>
11180	Housing assistance payments equity	<u>\$ 8,244</u>
11190	Unit Months Available	<u>840</u>
11210	Number of Unit Months Leased	<u>768</u>

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CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON  
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON  
AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Commissioners  
**Housing Authority of the Town of Pearl River**  
Pearl River, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of **Housing Authority of the Town of Pearl River (HATPR)**, a component unit of Housing Authority of the City of Slidell, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2010. Except for our inability to satisfy ourselves as to the classification and completeness of HATPR's statements of net assets, revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets and cash flows, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered HATPR's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of HATPR's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as discussed in the following paragraph, we identified deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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(CONTINUED)

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, Continued**

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency or combination of control deficiencies in internal control, that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Summary Schedule of Findings and Responses as items 2009-01, 2009-02 and 2009-03 to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected by HATPR on a timely basis.

However, we believe that of the significant deficiencies described above items 2009-01 and 2009-02 are material weaknesses. Also, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to management of HATPR in a separate letter dated June 30, 2010.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether HATPR's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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(CONTINUED)

**Compliance and Other Matters, Continued**

HATPR's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Summary Schedule of Findings and Responses under the caption "Management's Response" or "Current Status," as applicable. We did not audit HATPR's response and accordingly express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Commissioners, management, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Legislative Auditor for the State of Louisiana and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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June 30, 2010

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF PEARL RIVER**  
**PEARL RIVER, LOUISIANA**  
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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**Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results**

***Financial Statements***

Type of auditors' report issued:	Qualified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes
• Control deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	Yes
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

***Federal Awards***

Internal Control Over Major Programs:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	N/A*
• Control deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	N/A*
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:	N/A*
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with sections 510 (a) of Circular A-133	N/A*

\* Not applicable

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**Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results, Continued**

Identification of major programs:

CFDA NUMBER

NAME OF FEDERAL  
PROGRAM OR CLUSTER

N/A\*

Dollar threshold used to distinguish  
between type A and type B programs:

N/A\*

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

N/A\*

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**Section II - Financial Statement Findings and Responses**

**Reference Number**

2009-01

**Federal Program**

Housing Choice Voucher Program (see Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards).

**Criteria**

Management of **HATPR** is responsible for the establishment of effective and efficient processes and procedures for all financial transactions or economic events to ensure the complete and accurate preparation of its statements as required by HUD and Board policy.

**Condition**

Our review of the general ledger generated by **HATPR**'s TENMAST software revealed the following significant conditions:

- o The December 31, 2009 general ledger for the Voucher Program reflected the effect of prior year's income and expense activities in the year to date (cumulative) balance column. Because the temporary accounts have not been closed to the permanent accounts, current years transactions had to be isolated in order to generate the income and expense activities for the year ended December 31, 2009.
- o Also, the general ledger for the Voucher Program lacked any recorded revenue activity for grants received.
- o Several significant general ledger accounts such as cash, interfund activity and payables reflected activity levels contrary to the operating level of **HATPR**. For instance cash balance was overdrawn by \$1,315,409 at December 31, 2009. However, the bank statement reflected a zero balance.

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**Section II - Financial Statement Findings and Responses, Continued**

**Reference Number, Continued**

2009-01

**Condition, Continued**

- o The Voucher Program general ledger did not reflect the effect of expenses such as payroll and related benefits and other major operating expenses. Currently, all expenses are paid through the operating account for HATPR by the Authority with no allocation made for the shared and other program expenses paid in the records of the beneficiary program prior to the effect of audit adjustments.

**Questioned Costs**

None.

**Context**

Total expenditures of federal awards for the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$362,690.

**Effect or Potential Effect**

Non-compliance with the requirements of HUD regulation and Board policy.

**Cause**

Incomplete conversion of the general ledger system to ensure complete integration coupled with the lack of a system and resources in place to ensure the completeness of financial statements prepared.

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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES, CONTINUED**  
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**Section II - Financial Statement Findings and Responses, Continued**

**Reference Number, Continued**

2009-01

**Recommendation**

Management should revisit with its current general ledger system and plan for its complete conversion. In addition, all required monthly transactions should be recorded in the general ledger system to include the allocation and recordation in the respective general ledger shared and paid expenses.

**Management's Response**

The fee accountant engaged by HATPR is a licensed certified public accountant. HATPR uses the TENMAST accounting system, which is the basis for its financial statement. However, components of the system had not been used consistently. The cash transactions that were not recorded in TENMAST have been identified and the fee accountant is currently coordinating the effort to update the accounting system.



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**Section II - Financial Statement Findings and Responses, Continued**

**Reference Number**

2009-02

**Federal Program**

Housing Choice Voucher Program (see Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards).

**Criteria**

Management of **HATPR** is responsible for the implementation of a design and operation of internal control to safeguard **HATPR's** assets.

**Condition**

Considering the size of **HATPR**, the important elements of internal control and segregation of duties can not always be achieved to ensure adequate protection and safeguarding of **HATPR's** assets. The internal financial transactions processing for **HATPR** is performed using the "TENMAST" software.

**Context**

The federal award amount expended was \$362,690 for the year ended December 31, 2009.

**Effect or Potential Effect**

Inadequate protection and safeguarding of **HATPR's** assets.

**Cause**

Size of **HATPR's** personnel.

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**Section II - Financial Statement Findings and Responses, Continued**

**Reference Number, Continued**

2009-02

**Recommendation**

We recommend management's continued oversight in all key internal control areas.

**Management's Response**

Management and the Board continue to be involved in all key internal control areas.

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES, CONTINUED  
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**Section II - Financial Statement Findings and Responses, Continued**

**Reference Number**

2009-03

**Federal Program**

Housing Choice Voucher Program (see Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards).

**Criteria**

Management of HATPR's is responsible for the implementation of a design and operation of internal control over financial statements preparation.

**Condition**

Based on the requirements of the statement of auditing standards, HATPR's current in-house finance department staff does not possess, the level of technical capacity required to effectively record, process, report and prepare financial statements and footnote disclosures reliably in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. HATPR currently uses the "TENMAST" software in the accumulation, processing and generation of internal financial statements.

**Context**

The federal award amount expended was \$362,690 for the year ended December 31, 2009.

**Effect or Potential Effect**

Completeness of financial statements generated from the "TENMAST" software.

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**Section II - Financial Statement Findings and Responses, Continued**

**Reference Number, Continued**

2009-03

**Cause**

Size of HATPR's operation.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that management continues to bridge the technical gap.

Furthermore, the financial information generated by the "TENMAST" system should be reviewed for completeness and accuracy.

**Management's Response**

Management continues to provide the necessary training to its staff to ensure their continued technical growth. In addition, management has contracted with a certified public accountant to assist in the effort.

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**Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

No federal award findings were reported for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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**Section IV Status of Prior Year's Findings and Responses**

**Reference Numbers**

2008-01, 2007-01 and 2006-01

**Condition**

Considering the size of HATPR, the important elements of internal control and segregation of duties can not always be achieved to ensure adequate protection and safeguarding of HATPR's assets.

**Recommendation**

We recommend management's continued oversight in all key internal control areas.

**Current Status**

Unresolved. See current year's finding reference number 2009-02. HATPR continues to be impacted by budgetary constraints.

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**Section IV Status of Prior Year's Findings and Responses, Continued**

**Reference Numbers**

2008-02, 2007-02 and 2006-02

**Condition**

Based on the requirements of the statement of auditing standards, HATPR's current in-house finance department staff does not possess, the level of technical capacity required to effectively record, process, report and prepare financial statements and footnote disclosures reliably in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. HATPR currently uses the "TENMAST" software in the accumulation, processing and generation of internal financial statements.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that management continues to bridge the technical gap.

**Current Status**

Unresolved. See current year's reference number 2009-03. Management has hired a certified public accountant to bridge the technical gap.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
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**Section IV - Status of Prior Year's Findings and Responses, Continued**

**Reference Numbers**

2007-03, 2006-03, 2006-05, 2005-03 and 2005-01

**Federal Program**

Housing Choice Voucher Program (see Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards).

**Condition**

As a result of the impact of hurricane Katrina, certain documents such as cancelled checks, invoices, landlord payment registers and program participant file information, etc. (from inception through August 2005), were not available. HATPR was able to maintain its general ledger and other program data as its computer system is managed by a service provider located outside of Louisiana.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that management evaluate its current disaster recovery plan with an aim geared towards ensuring the completeness of its records retention in the event of a disaster. The evaluation should include offsite storage opportunities by HATPR's financial and program software processing service provider. Also, management should continue the reconstruction of its program and financial records.

**Current Status**

Partially resolved.



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**Section IV - Status of Prior Year's Findings and Responses, Continued**

**Reference Number**

2006-06

**Federal Program**

Housing Choice Voucher Program (see Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards).

**Condition**

In two (2) instances, we noted the lack of evidence to support an independent third party verification of income or documentation to support the challenges encountered in securing an independent third party verification. Based on discussions with management, we noted that a combination of HATPR's inability to access HUD's REAC "EIV" system and the Social Security Administration's policy of non-response to such income verification requests, affected HATPR's ability to secure an "EIV" report or to perform an independent verification of tenant's income.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that management continue in its reconstruction effort. Also, all required documents should be obtained and/or documentation supporting the absence of such should be placed in the respective files.

**Current Status**

Partially resolved.

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**Section IV - Status of Prior Year's Findings and Responses, Continued**

**Reference Number**

2006-07

**Federal Program**

Housing Choice Voucher Program (see Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards).

**Condition**

As a result of the destruction of HATPR's waiting list by the impact of hurricane Katrina, we were unable to verify the selection of new participants to the housing program.

**Recommendation**

Management should develop a new waiting list.

**Current Status**

Partially resolved.

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**EXIT CONFERENCE**

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The financial statements and all related reports were discussed at various dates to include an exit conference held on June 30, 2010 and management is in agreement. Those persons who participated in the conference are as follows:

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF PEARL RIVER**

Mr. Marvin Butler

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Executive Director

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON  
OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO INTERNAL CONTROL**

**Mr. Marvin Butler, Executive Director  
Housing Authority of the Town of Pearl River**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of **Housing Authority of the Town of Pearl River (HATPR)**, a component unit of the Housing Authority of the City of Slidell, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered **HATPR's** internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of **HATPR's** internal control. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion on the effectiveness of **HATPR's** internal control.

However, during our audit, we became aware of certain matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal control and operating efficiency. Also, we reviewed the status of prior year's other matters. We previously reported on **HATPR's** internal control in our report dated June 30, 2010. This letter does not affect our report dated June 30, 2010, on **HATPR's** internal control or its financial statements.

We will review the status of these matters during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these matters with **HATPR's** personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss these matters in further detail at your convenience, and to perform any additional study of those matters.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON  
OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO INTERNAL CONTROL  
(CONTINUED)**

***Current Year's Other Matters  
2009***

The following is a listing of all current year's other matter:

**Condition**

Currently, HATPR does not have in place a system to ensure the periodic reconciliation of all significant general ledger accounts such as interfund due to and from, housing assistance payments, payroll, grant revenue, etc.

**Recommendation**

Management should evaluate its current financial accounting practices to ensure the incorporation of processes that maintain the integrity of its financial reporting processes.

**Management's Response**

Management has contracted with a fee accountant to assist in the periodic preparation of its reconciliations to include account analysis.

**Condition**

No monthly reconciliation is performed on the bank account for HATPR's Voucher Program. Based on our review, we noted that on a monthly basis, all deposits made into the program's bank account are transferred to an operating account for the Housing Authority of the City of Slidell (managing agent). However, no recordation to the general ledger or a reconciliation of the bank account is performed to facilitate the appropriate general ledger entries.

**Recommendation**

Management should ensure the monthly reconciliation of its bank accounts to include the recordation of all transactions.

**Management's Response**

A fee accountant has been hired and charged with the responsibility of the required reconciliations.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON  
OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO INTERNAL CONTROL  
(CONTINUED)**

***Status of Prior Year's Other Matters  
2008 and Prior***

The following summarizes the status of prior year's other matters.

**Condition**

HATPR does not have a system in place to ensure the periodic reconciliation of all significant general ledger accounts such as interfund due to and from, housing assistance payments, payroll etc.

**Recommendation**

Management should evaluate its current financial accounting practices to ensure the incorporation of processes that maintain the integrity of its financial reporting.

**Current Status**

Unresolved. See current year's section of this report.

**Condition**

Currently, the general ledger and related reports generated by the "TENMAST" software system provide cumulative income and expense amounts instead of the data for the current period.

**Recommendation**

HATPR should consult with its software provider to address any system processing elections to facilitate the periodic closing of all temporary accounts at year end.

**Current Status**

Unresolved. See current year's finding reference number 2009-01.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON  
OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO INTERNAL CONTROL  
(CONTINUED)**

***Status of Prior Year's Other Matters, Continued  
2008 and Prior***

**Condition**

The housing assistance payments amounts as reflected in HATPR's subsidiary ledger ("HAP register") for the year ended December 31, 2007, differed from the amount on the general ledger control account.

**Recommendation**

On a monthly basis the "HAP" register generated by the Voucher Program department, should be reconciled to the general ledger control account. Any differences should be reconciled and adjusted, if necessary.

**Current Status**

Unresolved. See the current year's section of this report.

**Condition**

As a result of the destruction of its records, HATPR was unable to prepare formal bank account reconciliations for the "zero" balance account maintained for the Housing Choice Voucher Program for the 2006 year.

**Recommendation**

All bank accounts should be reconciled monthly and the reconciliation submitted to management of HATPR for review and/or approval.

**Current Status**

Unresolved. See the current year's section of this report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON  
OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO INTERNAL CONTROL  
(CONTINUED)**

HATPR's response to the other matters identified in our report is described under the caption "Management's Response" or "Current Status" as applicable. We did not audit HATPR's response and accordingly express no opinion on it.

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As always, we appreciate the courtesies extended to us by you and your staff during our audit. Should you have any questions and/or require further detail, please do not hesitate to call.

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